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SUBJECT: MGEAP1: INDONESIA EARTHQUAKE HUMANITARIAN UPDATE #2

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Summary  
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¶1. In response to the September 30 earthquake, an 11-member USAID Disaster Assistance Response Team (USAID/DART) is in Indonesia. Search and rescue operations have ceased. Damage reports from affected areas are preliminary, with the Rapid Joint Assessment results and the Humanitarian Response Plan scheduled for release in the coming days. Daily cluster meetings are occurring in Padang. USAID's Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (USAID/OFDA), Post, and the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) continue to collaborate to respond to the earthquake. End summary.

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Conditions in Earthquake-Affected Areas  
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¶2. On October 5, six members of the USAID/DART arrived in Padang, and three additional USAID/DART members arrived in Padang on October 6.

¶6. The USAID/DART is assessing humanitarian conditions, meeting with key nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), liaising with other donor representatives, coordinating with Post and DoD, and supporting the Government of Indonesia (GoI) in the humanitarian response to the earthquake.

¶3. Damage reports from Padang are preliminary. On October 5, the U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) reported that 70 percent of water distribution networks in Padang are damaged, leaving 60 percent of individuals without running water. Previous reports indicate that bottled water is readily available for purchase. In Pariaman, running water is limited due to disrupted power supplies. The USAID/DART is following up on these reports.

¶4. According to OCHA, the earthquake damaged or destroyed a total of 30 percent of houses with Pariaman, with nearly 100 percent of houses destroyed in some areas of the town. Individuals are sleeping in temporary shelters near houses or in mosques. Local authorities have requested tents and tarpaulins.

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Search and Rescue Operations

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¶15. According to the GoI National Disaster Management Agency, most people missing in Padang city were buried under heavy concrete, and chances of survival for five days in these conditions is unlikely. According to participants at an October 5 OCHA meeting, the 21 urban search and rescue (USAR) teams in and around Padang are ceasing operations after having no live recoveries. The 688 USAR personnel will begin departing Padang.

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GoI "Disaster Phase"  
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¶16. Participants at the October 5 OCHA meeting reported that GoI disaster officials have reduced the "disaster phase" of the humanitarian response to the earthquake from two months to one month. The implications of this decision for the humanitarian community are unclear.

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U.N. Appeal for Assistance  
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¶17. OCHA reported that draft report from the Rapid Joint Assessment is expected to be completed between October 7 and 8. The U.N. is preparing to issue a Humanitarian Response Plan, to complement the GoI humanitarian response. Similar to a U.N. flash appeal, the plan will summarize humanitarian needs and request assistance from the international community. The U.N. tentatively plans to launch the plan as early as October 9.

¶18. On October 5, a representative of the U.N. World Food Program (WFP) told USAID/Indonesia that WFP plans to solicit a flash appeal on October 9, focusing on vulnerable groups. As of October 5, WFP tentatively planned to provide fortified biscuits and noodles for 200,000 people for three months. The WFP appeal may be part of the forthcoming Humanitarian Response Plan.

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Humanitarian Coordination  
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¶19. Daily cluster meetings for operational clusters are occurring in Padang. Clusters include early recovery, education, food and nutrition, health, logistics, shelter, telecommunications, and water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH). USAID/DART members are attending these meetings.

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USG Humanitarian Assistance  
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¶10. USAID/OFDA is airlifting humanitarian relief commodities from its warehouse in Dubai to Padang. The commodities are tentatively scheduled to arrive in country on October 7 and will be consigned to the Indonesian Red Cross (Palang Merah Indonesia, or PMI). The airlift includes plastic sheeting, hygiene kits, 10-liter water containers, and power generator sets.

¶11. USAID/OFDA, through the USAID/DART, is engaged in discussions with several NGOs concerning needs and planned response programs. The USAID/DART anticipates receiving and beginning to evaluate concept papers and proposals in the coming days.

¶12. On October 1, Post activated an Emergency Operations Center (EOC) to coordinate Post's response to the earthquake. Post tentatively plans to staff the EOC at least through the week, depending on needs. The EOC is providing logistical and administrative support to Post in its earthquake response. EOC staff are collaborating with USAID/DART members to share humanitarian information and respond to information requests.

¶13. On October 6, the Charge d'Affaires is in Padang, visiting affected areas with PMI and the USAID/DART.

¶14. A DoD Humanitarian Assistance Rapid Response Team (HARRT), or mobile medical unit, arrived in Padang on October 5 and is being set

up in downtown Padang. An eight-person U.S. Air Force team has re-opened the Tabing Airfield and has received flights of C-130s carrying relief supplies. With the opening of the Tabing Airfield, two airfields are currently operational in Padang. One DoD C-130 aircraft is flying relief missions from Jakarta to Padang. Two U.S. ships are en route to Padang and scheduled to arrive on October 8. At present, 110 DoD personnel are in Indonesia, supporting relief efforts. On October 6, the DoD Humanitarian Assistance Survey Team (HAST) arrived in Padang.

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